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This book is dedicated to the late President Barthélémy Boganda, founder of the Central African Republic, and to all those who have given the best of their lives to the building of this country.

—Pierre Kalck

The translator also wishes to acknowledge how enduring was Pierre Kalck's commitment to the completion of this book, which more than his last work represented his life's work.

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March 2003: General François Bozizé is self-proclaimed President of the Republic.

VICE PRESIDENCY

- 27 September 1979: Henri Maïdou appointed Vice President; revoked 22 August 1980
- 12 December 2003: Abel Goumba designated by General François Bozizé as Vice President

PRIME MINISTERS

This post, created anew in September 1979, was abolished in September 1981, then reinstated by General Kolingba on 1 January 1991.

- 27 September 1979: Bernard Christian Ayandho
- 19 November 1980: Jean-Pierre Lebouder
- 3 April 1981: Simon Bozanga
- 15 March 1991: Edouard Franck
- 4 December 1992: General Thimothée Malendoma
- 26 February 1993: Enoch-Derant Lakoué
- 25 October 1993: Jean-Luc Mandaba
- 20 April 1995: Gabriel Koyambounou
- 6 June 1996: Jean-Paul Ngoupandé
- 18 February 1997: Michel Gbezara-Bria
- 4 January 1999: Anicet Georges Doloqué
- 1 April 2002: Martin Ziguélé
- 23 March 2003: Abel Goumba

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English-speaking people who wish to become acquainted with the Central African Republic face some linguistic difficulties, for even though this bibliography and this book are directed primarily to an English-language audience, it contains few citations in English. Not only is the author Francophone, but nearly everything that has been written about the Central African Republic has been written in French. Any scholar who deals with the published material relating to the Republic must have a reading knowledge of that language. To attempt serious scholarly research on any aspect of the Republic without this ability would be very difficult. For those who wish to begin in English, however, Thomas O'Toole's *The Central African Republic: The Continent's Hidden Heart* (Boulder, CO: Westview Press, 1986) is the best single source. Reference should also be made to Pierre Kalck's *Central African Republic* (London: Pall Mall; New York: Praeger, 1971). Other critical sources are Dennis D. Cordell's *The Savanna Belt of North Central Africa*, in *History of Central Africa*, volume 1, edited by David Birmingham and Phyllis M. Martin (London: Longman, 1983); Ralph Austen and Rita Headrick's *Equatorial Africa under Colonial Rule*, in *History of Central Africa*, volume 2, edited by David Birmingham and Phyllis M. Martin (London: Longman, 1983); and Brian Weinstein's *Eboué* (New York: Oxford University Press, 1972). Unfortunately, these books and many others in the bibliography are increasingly dated, so information on current events and developments over the past two decades must be sought in magazine and newspaper articles, or on websites such as www.sangotnet.com.

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